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SUBJ: JOHOVAH WITNESS DEVELOPMENTS

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1. CHARLES EISENHOWER, AMCIT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES IN ARGENTINA, HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT THE BIBLE LITERATURE RECENTLY CONFISCATED BY FEDERAL POLICE OFFICIALS (SEE REFTTEL) HAS BEEN SOLD TO A WASTEPAPER COMPANY AND DESTROYED. EISENHOWER STATED THAT OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS VALUED IN EXCESS OF \$100,000, WERE CONFISCATED.

2. THE PRESS REPORTED ON DECEMBER 18TH THAT 40 MEMBERS OF THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES WERE "DETAINED" BY POLICE IN A RAID IN ROQUE SAENZ PENA (CHACO PROVINCE IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA). POLICE OFFICIALS SAID THE DETENTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN AS THE WITNESSES WERE HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING IN VIOLATION OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER.

3. THE LOCAL PRESS ALSO CARRIED REPORTS OF THE EXPULSION OF THREE SISTERS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FOR THEIR FAILURE TO SALUTE THE FLAG AND SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT A SCHOOL CEREMONY.

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4. ONE PAPER, CRONICA, REFERRED IN ITS WITNESS  
STORY TO THE MANSON CLAN AND TO THE RECENT MASSACRE  
IN GUAYANA.  
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